



Theoretical Physicists
and other colleagues in Ukraine

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Dear colleagues

We are writing to you as representatives of the Institute of Theoretical Physics, Charles University in Prague (<http://utf.mff.cuni.cz/en/>). We are extremely worried about the fate of the people of Ukraine and Ukraine as a country. Hence this email. We are sending it rather "blindly" to several Ukrainian Institutes whose research direction is close to ours, plus also to some of you - their individual staff members, choosing different email domains where possible.

At our institute we are about 30 researchers working in

- i) general relativity, geometry, and fields,
- ii) theoretical atomic and molecular physics, and
- iii) theoretical astrophysics.

We can offer to several of you or your colleagues among refugees working space at our Institute in order not to lose regular contact with the academic environment. For those of you who have been or will be forced to leave your homes, clearly, accommodation would be the main issue. However, help with accommodation is already being organized by various organizations here in the Czech Republic. You would likely be able to contact them yourself (but if necessary, we could also assist you in this respect). We would like to focus on the help we can provide as an academic institution, namely, providing conditions for at least partial continuity of your work. We can offer a certain number of working places, including limited funding, internet connection, access to literature and environment for theoretical work, at least for the near future.

The aim of this message is also to learn about your situation and your needs. We are not sure what range of support is needed and available. Various support programmes for Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees are gradually announced here in the Czech Republic by the state, universities, the Academy of Sciences, and several grant agencies and foundations, but their conditions are not much established yet.

Before such programmes are more clearly established, we can offer you support from our resources, thus trying to provide you as favourable conditions as possible under the given circumstances. We are able to provide such support immediately, being aware that your situation may be too urgent to wait until everything is clarified officially.

Please, do not hesitate to share this email with your colleagues at your universities and institutes or among refugees and contact us at any of the addresses included in this email.

We are thinking of you and of Ukraine and we hope that justice and peace will return soon!

Keeping our fingers crossed,

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